



**Rep. Tommy Benton
District 31**

Biography

State Representative Tommy Benton is the chair of the House Retirement Committee and secretary of the House Education Committee. He also serves as a member on the Appropriations, Human Relations & Aging, Rules and Transportations committees.

Resident

Jackson County 6th Generation

Married: Karen Compton Benton

Children: Leigh Ann Allison and husband Casey; Thomas H. Benton, Jr. and wife, Teri, Jeff Farrell, Zack Evans, and three grandchildren, Samuel Thomas Weaver, Thomas Wayne Benton and Morgan Jayde Benton

Parents: Thomas Frazer Benton and Matilda Housch Benton

Education

Graduate: Commerce High School, 1968

Graduate: West Georgia College, 1972, AB History

Graduate: Brenau College, 1983, MEd Middle School Education

Occupation

Jackson County Board of Education, 1974-2004, retired; Maysville Elementary School – 16 years; Jackson County Middle - six years; East Jackson Middle School - eight years; (Georgia History & Government, American History, Beta Club Sponsor, 1998-2004)

McDonald Ace Hardware, Commerce, 1975-2011(part time)

Religion

First United Methodist Church, Commerce, Member since 1962

Public Service

Jefferson Historic Preservation Commission, 1994-2004

Hunter Safety Instructor - 1984- present

Treasurer, Jackson County Bicentennial Committee, 1996

Organizations

National Rifle Association - Life Member

Sons of Confederate Veterans - Life Member

Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Sons of the American Revolution – Gainesville Chapter
Jackson County Historical Society
Jackson County Retired Teachers Association
Unity Masonic Lodge #36, Jefferson